

## **SR 240, Improvements (I-182 to Columbia Center Boulevard)**

The SR 240 corridor connects the Cities of Richland and Kennewick, linking Interstate 182 with the U.S. Department of Energy's Hanford site, the Columbia Center commercial and east Kennewick industrial zones.

The City of Richland has provided support for the Federal Hanford Nuclear Reservation during its National Defense Mission and now through its Cleanup Mission. The roadway currently carries 54,000 commuters every day and developments such as the planned start up of the Waste Vitrification Plant are expected to add 4,000 to 6,000 daily commuters.

### **How does WSDOT plan on doing the work?**

We plan on building the project in three phases. The first phase is currently being constructed from Stevens Drive to I-182. The second phase will construct the new bridge over the Yakima River and add new lanes from I-182 to the Richland Wye. The third and final phase will finish adding lanes to the Columbia Center interchange and rebuild the existing interchange areas.

### **The end results**

This project will save travel time for auto and vanpool commuters, and expand and enhance the pedestrian/bicycle corridor to facilitate alternate modes of transportation.

### **What have we done so far?**

The City of Richland considers this corridor improvement its highest priority capital project. As such, \$10 million has been requested from the federal government for improvements to transportation infrastructure. Construction of phase one to widen from Stevens Drive to I-182 will be completed in July of 2001. The design portions of phase two and three are 35 percent complete.

#### **Roundabout Concept**

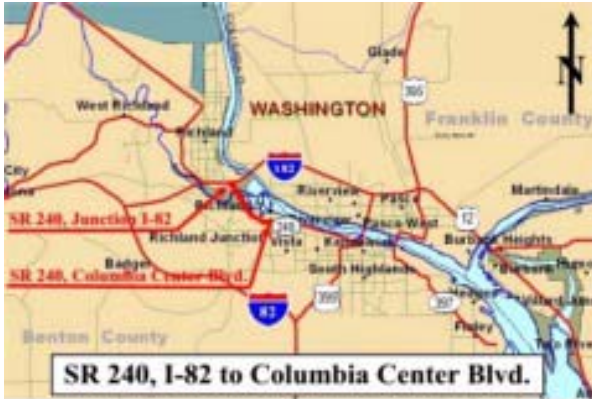


#### **Traffic Delay on SR 240**



### **Project Facts**

- Add additional lanes and construct a new bridge.
- The cost to construct this project is estimated to be approx. \$78.2 million.
- Portions of the construction remain unfunded.



## What is being done to protect the environment?

An environmental assessment for the project will be completed to address potential environmental issues. As preliminary designs are refined, environmental issues will be evaluated and appropriate mitigation developed.

## Expenditure Plan

	Prior Expenditures	Remaining Costs	Total
State and Federal Funds	\$5,155,000	\$33,815,000	\$38,970,000
Funded subtotal	\$5,155,000	\$33,815,000	\$38,970,000
Unfunded amount		\$41,502,000	
Total Cost	\$5,155,000	\$75,317,000	\$80,472,000

Financial data is current as of 9/1/01.

## How can I get more information?

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## Government-to-government tribal consultation process

This process will be implemented during the environmental and design phase of this project.

## Project Financial Information

This project is in the early design stage. Its current overall project cost estimate is \$80.5 million. The legislature has appropriated \$33.8 million to complete the first project by the 03-05 fiscal year Transportation budget. This is short by about \$46.7 million of the amount necessary to support the current WSDOT schedule for completing the remaining projects by 2005. This will require adjustment and slowdown of the design, right of way, and construction schedules. To avoid this result, WSDOT is requesting \$46.7 million in the 2002 supplemental budget.